



**South Dakota Board of Examiners of
Psychologists**

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Dear Licensed Psychologist:

Please be advised the South Dakota Board of Examiners of Psychologists recently passed administrative rules, updating to cite the most recent code of ethics of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), and adding a chapter that sets a minimum continuing education requirement, defines a continuing education unit, provides guidance on courses eligible for continuing education credit, provides guidance on documentation needed for continuing education, and provides for an exception to the requirements where applicable. We have enclosed a copy of the rules for your records.

The authority to establish the minimum requirements for continuing education was set in statute per SDCL 36-27A-26 with a provision that minimum requirements would be set by rule, which has not been done until now. The Board diligently researched other states to bring South Dakota in line with national standards and further promote mobility. The Board will not be pre-approving continuing education, but has left it to the discretion of the Psychologist to select quality programs that improve or maintain the licensee's professional skills or broaden or refresh the licensee's knowledge of governing laws, rule or ethical standards.

The administrative rules on continuing education are effective for the current licensure period ending June 30, 2021. You are required to document 15 contact hours of continuing education following the guideline of the enclosed rules. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board office.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carol Tellinghuisen'.

Carol Tellinghuisen
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure